

The Bee

EARLINGTON, HOPKINS COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1896.—EXTRA EDITION.

NOW FOR THE NEXT.

All The Fabrications Of the Desperate and Maddened Silver Leaders

HAVE BEEN REFUTED.

The Crowning Story of Them All Now Exploded.

The Mail, protesting that a "legitimate newspaper" could not and would not "spring a special edition on election eve," yet comes out on Monday morning in an extra, prepared and printed on Sunday and Sunday night, with flaming headlines, "The Sly Boodler Caught," now asserts that Mr. E. L. Hendricks is caught in the act of attempting to seduce the voters, the "honest yeomanry," of whom it is so fond, etc., etc., and that THE BEE is and has been aware of all these monstrous villainies and yet has not dared attempt a refutation of the statements made by the Mail.

As to Mr. Hendricks and the charges against him, we refer to his statement in another column, which utterly refutes all the violent and villainous election abominations with which the Mail, in the heat of its passion and despair, charges him, and, indirectly and by insinuation, the Republican party of Hopkins county and its leaders.

The Mail, in a weak attempt at subterfuge, still trying to blind its readers to the facts in the case and still presuming that they are grossly ignorant, states that THE BEE "did not dare to deny the allegations made by the mail of last Tuesday, until upon the eve of election," in THE BEE's extra of Saturday.

In answer to this deliberate falsehood, we refer the intelligent reading public who remember having read in THE BEE's regular edition of Thursday last, "headlines and all" the following denial of the "boodler" lie, which we reprint in full, and which explains and fully refutes the charges made about the "Chicago Boodler."

ANOTHER MIDNIGHT CRIME.

The 50-Cent-on-the-Dollar Fluid-slinger in Action.

Never since the "midnight ride of Ichabod Crane and the goblin horseman of Sleepy Hollow," described by Washington Irving, has such a chase taken place as the imaginary pursuit of a mythical boodler by "a member of the Mail staff" according to their "own highly varnished and bombastic version of the dream." This outrageous villification of a respectable gentleman has for its foundation the facts that Hon. W. F. Carroll, of Chicago, a campaign speaker while engaged in speaking at various points in the county

made Madisonville his headquarters. His appointments were advertised in THE BEE and on hand bills, and there was no secrecy about his presence. At Dawson he endeavored to have a division of time with the silverite speaker and was refused the privilege. He made telling and convincing arguments wherever he spoke and fully sustained his reputation as an able and eloquent expounder of the sound money doctrine. Hence the two column space devoted to lying insinuations against an honorable gentleman engaged in legitimate campaign work in an open and conspicuous manner and against opponents who would scorn the alleged dishonest methods as much as they despise their traducers. The desperation of their cause is evidenced by these frantic and ridiculous efforts to hold the rank and file, who are daily deserting them. So far from the gentleman being loaded with boodle his expenses had to be paid by the county committee as the hotel keepers and livery-men well know. Our readers will please excuse us for taking up so much space in denial of a silly and transparent lie, which only adds to the list of mendacious articles published by the scurrilous sheet. As a writer of fiction the author of this latest effusion might achieve a wider reputation and greater emoluments than in his present sphere. The vivid imagination, knowledge of "the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," coupled with the legal acumen and versatility of conception displayed, amply equip him to issue a series of detective stories.

THE BEE in addition published the following, with many other things, in its extra of Saturday:

The Twice-a-Week Mail, in its Tuesday edition, devoted a large amount of space on its first page to the promulgation of a campaign lie, manufactured of such gauzy material as to call in question the very intelligence of the people it was intended to deceive.

It was in regard to the "emissary" they say Mark Hanna sent to Madisonville loaded down with money to buy votes in Hopkins County.

A Madisonville gentleman writes: "Now it is an open secret and well known fact that the Mail is not a regular and legitimate newspaper, but simply a kind of cheap 'Gipsy' outfit shipped in for campaign purposes, has no circulation of any consequence, and is edited by the local, County free silver politicians." Whether such be the case, or however little weight this lying story of the "Chicago boodler" may have with the citizens of Hopkins county, it becomes the duty of THE BEE to expose to the public that this lie was put up on the Hon. William F. Carroll, of 517 Roanoke Building, Corner La Salle and Madison streets, Chicago, who, at the solicitation

of Republicans of Hopkins county, came to make political speeches in the county.

The above is his address, and some of the editors of the Mail may be able to address a letter with sufficient intelligence to reach him.

Mr. Carroll's speaking appointments were advertised in THE BEE and on hand bills printed in this office. His first appointment was at Dawson where the free silver folks refused to divide time with him. He spoke at Nebo, White Plains and Morton's Gap; each being a night meeting except White Plains. There are honorable free silver gentlemen at each of these towns whose intelligence is superior to anything yet displayed in the Mail, and if Mr. Carroll offered to buy any votes they ought to know it, and the Mail should be able out of these four towns furnished to get at least one instance of offered bribe.

It was a remarkable piece of stupidity and mismanagement on the part of the Republican Committee in the first place to steer their Boodler Distributor right into the jaws of a free silver hotel when a good republican hotel adjoined the depot platform, where the proprietor is a member of the County Republican Committee.

But the Mail says: "This man was here nearly three days," that trips were made "in the dead hour of night."

Let's see about that. He came on the 11 o'clock train Monday morning, spent one night at the Arcadia Hotel, Dawson, and two nights at the New Belmont, Madisonville. The proprietor of the latter and one partner in the former hotel everybody knows to be honored christian gentlemen with free silver tendencies, and they should know if this midnight Boodler left either of their hotels in the night. Ask them and see who has lied.

But these would-be-editors go on to say that, "The voters of Hopkins county—the honest yeomanry, the honest toilers, etc., etc.,—cannot be bought, cannot be coerced; all the money the millionaires shall send here will not buy a vote against Bryan."

Then where is the use of so much waste?

THE BEE believes this is true and upon the honesty of the people of county, State and Nation, hangs its hope of triumph at the November election. The people of Hopkins county cannot be bought for either side, but it looks as though the Mail believes they are a purchasable commodity, or it would not be sending special messengers all over the county distributing this "boodler" lie and thereby asking the Bryan Democrats to please not sell out.

THE BEE does not insult its party by rushing around frantically trying to get word to Republicans to please not sell. There is no occasion for it, for we have more faith in Hopkins county people than to presume to warn them against boodlers.

The Mail offers the grossest insult to its party followers in this "warning" which discloses their belief that these men may be bought.

If this "gipsy male" outfit will pitch its tent in Hopkins county long enough to know its people and their fortunes it may expect to do a legitimate fortune-telling business and not look into the frank, open hands of this county's people and lie.

Asking why THE BEE did not refute these charges in its regular edition or in an extra of Tuesday or Wednesday, the Mail says:

The reason is plain: It knew that the Mail was correct in its premises. It knew that we had the information needed to substantiate every assertion. It knew then, as now, that boodle was being used; that corruptionists were working the county; that debauchers were making trips throughout the county for the purpose of seducing the voters. It knew then, as it knows now, that every scheme known to political schemers, wire-pullers and conscienceless scoundrels was being worked to corrupt

the vote of Hopkins county. It knows that men who were likely to vote for Bryan or who were pronounced silver men were to be bought by the addition of from \$1 to \$4 per day over the regular wages to work all day on election day. It knew then, and it knows now, that section men, corporation employees, sawmill men and other workers were to be coerced or induced to work on election day, and from \$1 to \$4 added to their pay if they were kept at work until after the close of the polls. It knew then, and it knows now, that Ed Hendricks was working the country precincts with money. It knew then, and it knows now, that this money of the Republican National Committee was being distributed over the county. It knew then, and it knows now, that the Republicans and gold bugs were working night and day to corrupt voters at whatever cost. It knew then, and it knows now, that men under all sorts of disguises were going about among the country people—in the guise of sewing machine agents, umbrella fixers, social callers, and all sorts and kinds of subterfuges, to gain admittance to the family circle and sow the seed of discord within the home; to create a sentiment for gold or arouse a feeling against silver. It knew and it knows now, that these were hired and paid by a corporation, and that the livery bills of the boodlers were being paid by a corporation at a certain livery stable in Earlinton. It knew why this Chicago corruptionist was here, and knows what was accomplished. It knows where the money went; it knows where it came from.

In answer to these assertions THE BEE has simply to say that it did not know any of these things to be true and does not now know them to be true; that each and all these assertions are utterly false and without any foundation in fact.

The Mail indulges in much billingsgate and pressures to make such unauthorized statements which it believes THE BEE unable to meet before the polls are open.

THE BEE is and has been ready to continue to the last moment its refutations of the many fabrications of this unparalleled campaign of misrepresentations.

EVERYWHERE.

THE NEWS IS GOOD, MCKINLEY'S ELECTION BEYOND A DOUBT.

All Working Hard for an Overwhelming Majority For

SOUND MONEY AND GOOD GOVERNMENT.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Advises just received at the Republican National headquarters lead Chairman Hanna this morning to transfer from the doubtful column of twelve states, the State of Tennessee to the Republican column.

The Chicago Record today announced the close of its postal card poll, in which it has received 240,000 votes from eleven states, these giving McKinley 173,501, Bryan, 60,235, Palmer, 3,683.

In Chicago where Bryan's friends had hoped to make a strong showing, he gets but 14,179, against 67,795 for McKinley.

In Missouri, where the Popocrats had hoped to overwhelm McKinley with Bryan votes, they polled but 9,149, against 9,908 for McKinley.

Mr. Bryan's own State, Nebraska, gives him but 2,182, against 5,371 for McKinley, while Michigan gives 12,899 for McKinley, against only 3,995 for Bryan.

In Kansas McKinley gets 6,354, against 3,534 for Bryan, while Indiana gives 13,973 for McKinley, against 5,701 for Bryan.

THE MOUNTAIN HEAVES.

Mr. E. L. Hendrick's Statement

Confirms the Denial of the Sensational Myth Told

BEHIND HIS BACK

While He Was in the Country on Honest and Legitimate Campaign Work.

We herewith publish the statement of Mr. E. L. Hendricks, which, in itself, is fully explanatory of the sensational charges made against him by the Twice-a-Week Mail:

WHEREAS, a local newspaper published in Madisonville, known as the Twice-a-Week Mail, in an extra edition of even date has made statements reflecting upon myself, and upon the Republican, and Sound Money people of Hopkins county, and have resorted to these methods for campaign purpose, and with the hope of injuring the Sound Money cause in this county, and have made use of my name as Secretary and Treasurer of the Republican Campaign Committee as the alleged agent of Mark Hanna in the distribution of "boodle" and the purchase of votes, and have attempted to bend and distort every fact of mine and make them appear in false colors, and as questionable and illegal, because I have seen fit, having been chosen as Secretary and Treasurer, to take an active interest in the campaign, believing it to be for the best interest of the people. Now, therefore, in view of the premises and the published statements of the Mail, I feel called upon to make the following statements of the facts in reply: viz:—

I did go to Nortonville on the early train Friday, although not well and hardly able to travel, and I went to bed in the hotel immediately on arrival; arising at a late hour, I did call on Mr. Tefft, the L. & N. Agent, with whom I had had a business and railroad acquaintance extending over years. I talked with him of campaign matters in a general way and enquired the whereabouts of Mr. Hamby, one of our committeemen in that precinct; learned that he lived several miles distant, and that it would be impossible for me to see him. I therefore thought best to leave instructions with Tefft for Mr. Hamby, which Mr. Tefft kindly agreed to receive and communicate to Mr. Hamby for me. What I said to Mr. Tefft to be communicated to Mr. Hamby was in substance as follows:

I stated to him that it was important, and I was very anxious to get out the full poll of the precinct of our vote at this election and in order to do so it would be necessary to have conveyances and use every means to get voters to the polls, and for that purpose I wanted to leave with him and did leave with him \$25 to be so used, the surplus, if any to be returned to me, and if any additional sum should be required, he might notify me and I would furnish it if I could. But I did not tell him that any of the money so furnished him for Mr. Hamby was to be used by him or

Hamby or other persons for the purpose of buying votes or hiring voters to remain away from the polls, or agreeing to pay any voter additional wages for his labor on the day of the election that he might thereby be induced to remain away from the polls. Nor did I in this connection or in any conversation with Mr. Tefft use the name of John G. Morton, or John G. Morton's Bank, nor intimate that there was any money in said Morton's hands or bank to be used for campaign purposes, but did state to him explicitly that there was no "boodle" or fund raised or furnished for the purpose of attempting to corrupt the voter; that the sum we had was very limited and was subscribed and furnished by a few members of our party resident in the county. All statements made in the extra edition of the Mail in conflict with the above statement of facts are untrue.

In conclusion, I now state that I have never at any time or place attempted to buy votes or use money to corrupt any voter directly or indirectly, but as Secretary and Treasurer I have used some money for legitimate campaign purposes as hereinbefore indicated.

E. L. HENDRICKS.
Earlington, Ky., Nov. 2, 1896.

We believe that the statement of E. L. Hendricks above contains a full and true recital of the transactions between he and Mr. Tefft, over which the Mail's extra has made so much ado. We do not know nor do we believe that E. L. Hendricks or any other Republican has used or attempted to use any money for election purposes in this county otherwise than as stated by him above.

Certainly THE BEE would condemn the use of money for any illegal or immoral purpose in our election.

So the mountain has heaved and brought forth but a puny and mangy mouse.

Look out for the next.

THE BEE'S ESTIMATE

North Carolina, Nebraska and Kansas Come Into

THE MCKINLEY COLUMN

The Louisville Evening Post has kept standing in its columns its estimate of the electoral vote which gives McKinley 319 votes. THE BEE adds to this North Carolina, Nebraska and Kansas, making a total of 348 electoral votes sure for McKinley. Texas is also probably ours and will add 15 more votes and make a total of 363 for McKinley out of the total electoral vote of 447.